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SUBJECT 27TH SESSION COMMISSION ON THE STATUS
OF WOMEN--ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND BUREAU AND ADOPTION
OF AGENDA

1. THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) SPENT
THE OPENING DAY, MARCH 20, AND HALF OF THE NEXT IN
DISPUTE OVER ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND ADOPTION OF
THE AGENDA. BOTH ISSUES REPRESENTED CONTEST BETWEEN
THE WESTERN GROUP AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES AND BOTH
WERE SOLVED TO BENEFIT OF THE WESTERN POSITION.

2. THE COMMISSION GOT OFF TO A SLOW START AS TWO
REGIONAL GROUPS, THE WESTERN GROUP AND THE EASTERN
EUROPEAN GROUP, BOTH CLAIMED THEIR RIGHT TO THE CHAIR-
MANSHIP OF THE COMMISSION. IN THE PAST THE PRINCIPLE
OF STRICT GEOGRAPHICAL ROTATION HAD NOT BEEN OBSERVED
AND THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHT TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP WAS
FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE WESTERN GROUP
AT THE 26TH SESSION HAD CEDED ITS THEN UNDISPUTED
CLAIM TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP TO A MEMBER OF THE LATIN
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GROUP. IT WAS APPARENTLY NOT MADE CLEAR AT THAT TIME
WHETHER OR NOT THE WESTERN GROUP WOULD BE ENTITLED TO
THE CHAIRMANSHIP AT THE CURRENT SESSION. THE EASTERN
GROUP ARGUED THAT IT WAS THEIR TURN FOR THE CHAIRMAN-
SHIP AND ANY ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE WESTERN GROUP
WITH THE LATIN GROUP HAD NO EFFECT ON THEIR OWN RIGHTS.
THE WESTERN GROUP ARGUED THAT THEY HAD LAST HELD THE

CHAIRMANSHIP IN 1967 WHEREAS THE EASTERN GROUP HAD LAST SERVED IN 1969 AND THAT FURTHER THE ARRANGEMENT TO GIVE THE CHAIRMANSHIP TO THE LATIN GROUP AT THE LAST SESSION WAS A SPECIAL CONCESSION IN ORDER TO GIVE THE CHAIR TO AN EXPERIENCED PERSON DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

3. AS THERE WAS NO COMPROMISE IN SIGHT, THE ISSUE WAS DECIDED BY SECRET BALLOT IN WHICH THE DELEGATE OF THE UK, DR. COCKCROFT, WAS ELECTED BY 19 VOTES OVER 11 VOTES CAST FOR MRS. ROMANOVICH, BYELORUSSIAN SSR. THE THREE VICE CHAIRMEN ELECTED BY CONSENSUS WERE MRS. ROHI (IRAN), MRS. ALLAGHI (LIBYA), AND MRS. ROMANOVICH (BSSR). THE RAPPORTEUR IS MRS. BAPTISTE (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO).

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK. THE COMMISSION SPENT A LENGTHY PERIOD IN DEBATE PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA WITH TWO ADDITIONAL EAST-WEST ISSUES. THE GDR SOUGHT A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF GA RESOLUTION 32/142, A GDR INITIATIVE WHICH ASKS THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN, THE ELABORATION OF A DRAFT DECLARATION ON WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY
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AND IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AGGRESSION, OCCUPATION AND ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION. THE WESTERN GROUP RESISTED A SEPARATE LISTING FOR THIS ITEM AND THE GDR EVENTUALLY SETTLED FOR MENTION OF RESOLUTION 32/142 IN A LISTING OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD CONFERENCE WHICH IS DEALT WITH IN AGENDA ITEM 4(A), DOCUMENT E/CN.6/609/REV.1. THE SECOND ISSUE CONCERNED THE INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF AN ITEM PERTAINING TO COMMUNICATIONS. THE DELEGATE FROM DENMARK RAISED THE ISSUE NOTING THAT THE 26TH SESSION HAD INCLUDED AN ITEM ON COMMUNICATIONS ON ITS DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 27TH SESSION AND THAT THE ITEM HAD INEXPLICABLY DISAPPEARED. THE USSR ARGUED THAT IN VIEW OF ECOSOC DECISION 223 (LXII) WHICH DEFERRED ACTION ON RESOLUTION 10 OF THE 26TH SESSION OF THE CSW PERTAINING TO NEW PROCEDURES ON COMMUNICATIONS, THE COMMISSION COULD NOT LEGALLY PUT THE ISSUE OF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITS AGENDA. THE DANISH PROPOSAL WAS FINALLY PUT TO A VOTE AND WAS ADOPTED BY 12(US)-9-6. THE ITEM ON COMMUNICATIONS THUS BECOMES THE NEW ITEM 7 WITH PROGRAM OF WORK RE-

NUMBERED AS ITEM 8 FOR THE 28TH SESSION AND ADOPTION
OF THE REPORT RENUMBERED AS ITEM 9.

5. THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK WAS ADOPTED AS CONTAINED
IN DOCUMENT E/CN.6/L.727. THE COMMISSION WILL
COMMENCE CONSIDERATION TUESDAY, 3/21, OF AGENDA ITEM
3, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STANDARDS RELATING

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